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### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Manufacturing Day**

Today I celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Manufacturing Day with Cadillac High School students from Mr. John Smith's chemistry class at Borg Warner Automotive with our host Todd Bennington. Today is a time to appreciate the tremendous impact the manufacturing industry has had on our state's history and is a great way to expose our students to the opportunities that the industry presents. Students learned that manufacturing is more than just working the line, it's designing a new fuel efficient smart car that drives itself; it's creating advertising campaigns for new products; it's developing the next Mars rover for NASA; or creating the next generation cell phone or satellite. It can be designing a stronger more aerodynamic surfboard or siding for your house that will never need to be replaced.

There are so many opportunities that manufacturing presents that it is difficult to explain them all. That's why the people at Borg Warner Automotive were generous enough to open their facility and give us a tour and show us some of the career possibilities in manufacturing. If you would like to be involved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Michigan Manufacturing Day next year please do not hesitate to contact me at my website [www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus).

### **Purple Paint Legislation Introduced**

This week I introduced legislation that would give landowners another way to post their property "no trespassing." This bill, SB 499, allows a landowner to place identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts around their property rather than just using a conventional sign. We chose the color purple so it would not conflict with other paint marks that the timber industry currently uses. These paint marks solve two potential problems by creating a permanent mark that can't be stolen and it's less intrusive on the landscape. My bill will promote smart and educated hunting as well as landowner control. SB 499 is now headed to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental affairs and I am looking forward to discussing the issue with my colleagues.

### **Contact Me**

My door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding state issues. You can reach my Lansing office by phone at: 517-373-1725; toll free at 866-305-2135, or contact my Cadillac District Office at 231-775-8599. If you received this as a forwarded message and would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at my website: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus>.

### **Cable Show**

Each month you can watch "In Touch with Northern Michigan" and hear about issues affecting the 35<sup>th</sup> District. Airing for May is a discussion with special guest George Corliss, founder and executive director of LISTEN America. My show will highlight the work and mission of LISTEN America. Corliss will discuss the genesis of the organization and give an overview of the programs offered by LISTEN America in schools. LISTEN America is a Cadillac-based organization that creates materials, resources and activities aimed at building and reinforcing character in children and motivating them to make a difference in the lives of others.

My show airs on:

*Traverse City TV 2, Friday nights at 8 P.M.*

*Cadillac Cable TV, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7 P.M.*

*Manistee Cable Access, 3rd week of the month Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 P.M.*